Sub C1 Cont.

wherein

R is hydrogen, benzyl or diphenylmethyl or aryl which is unsubstituted or substituted by a C_1 to C_4 alkyl or alkoxy group in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst in an inert organic solvent at a temperature of 10 to 50°C under 1 to 20 kPa pressure to directly obtain the 1-(aminomethyl)-cyclohexyl-acetic acid in the inert organic solvent;

(b) filtering the 1-(aminomethyl)-cyclohexyl-acetic acid in the inert organic solvent prepared according to step (a) to remove the hydrogenation catalyst to obtain a filtrate;

(c) concentrating the filtrate by removing a portion of the inert organic solvent to obtain pure 1-(aminomethyl)-cyclohexyl-acetic acid; and

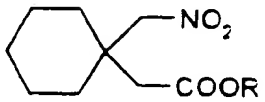
(d) in the case where a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt is to be formed transforming the pure 1-(aminomethyl)-cyclohexyl-acetic acid into a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt.

11. The process defined in claim 10 which further comprises the step of adding tetrahydrofuran to the concentrated filtrate obtained according to step (c) to precipitate out pure 1-(aminomethyl)-cyclohexyl-acetic acid.

12. The process defined in claim 10 wherein according to step (a) the hydrogenation catalyst is palladium on activated carbon.

13. The process defined in claim 10 wherein according to step (a) the inert organic solvent is a C_1 to C_4 alcohol.

~~14~~. A compound of the Formula (II)



(II)

wherein

R is hydrogen, benzyl or diphenylmethyl or an aryl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by a C_1 to C_4 alkyl or alkoxy group.

15. 1-(nitromethyl)cyclohexyl-acetic acid as defined in claim 14.

16. benzyl 1-(nitromethyl)cyclohexyl-acetate as defined in claim 14.

17. diphenylmethyl 1-(nitromethyl)cyclohexyl-acetate as defined in claim 14.

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction.